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**Amendments To The Specification:**

Replace paragraph [0020] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] A telephone handset 18 fitted onto the base and is shaped like most common telephone handsets. It rests in the ordinary manner in two depressions on the enclosures which form a cradle. The depression should be located near the top of the enclosure so that the handset rests in a nearly horizontal position and is therefore stable. A common, telephone hook switch is located in the depression used by the earpiece. The handset is connected to the electronics inside the enclosure in the ordinary manner, i.e. via a telephone cord. The communication also ~~included~~ includes an antenna 20 for wireless communication and a keypad 22. The communication unit also includes 1-button-touch-tone keypad 24. Keypad 22 is shown more specifically in Figure 3.

Replace paragraph [0024] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] Figure 2 shows a block diagram of the internal electronics of the base 12. In this central control electronics 30 appears at the center of the diagram. Ringed along the outside are the external components described earlier including a telephone cord 26, a cellular phone antenna 20, a keypad 22, speaker 14, microphone 16, power supply 32, handset 18, and distress button ~~[[14]]~~ 24. (Handset 18 includes mouthpiece 34, an ear piece 36, and a hook switch 38.) As is seen, there is a direct connection between

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electronics 30 and each of the power supply 32, button 24, and components of the electronic circuitry.

Replace paragraph [0041] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] Control electronics 30 is also provided with the ability for an outside caller to dial in, force the telephone off-hook, and gain control of the telephone, even without the cooperation of the resident. This ability allows the caller to try to speak with the resident who may not be able to get to or pick up the handset. It ~~can~~ can also allow the caller to listen to the resident, and to play back the sounds recorded earlier by digital recording circuitry 42. This can be useful when the user seems to be in distress, because there may be a certain advantage for the emergency service to be able to call up and listen to the sounds in the dwelling. (These sounds, presumably, would have been created over the preceding few minutes.)